IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 6, and please add new claims 7 to 12 as follows:

--7. (New) A method for performing a track skip of a read device between a current track and a selected track of an optical storage disk inserted in a playback device, comprising the steps of:

determining a time for the track skip of the read device as a function of tracks to be skipped in this instance;

moving the read device for a determined time in a direction of the selected track; and

moving the read device in a direction of a lead-in area of the optical storage disk until a starting position is detected, in response to a track skip request;

wherein the time required for the track skip from the starting position to the selected track is determined from this track.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the determined time is multiplied by an adjustable correction factor to obtain a corrected time, and the read device is moved in the direction of the selected track for the corrected time.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein, after completion of the track skip, position data read out by the read device are compared to known position data for the selected track, and the adjustable correction factor is adjusted as a function of a difference between the data read out and the known position data.

10. (New) A playback device for optical storage disks, comprising:

a positioning device;

a read device for reading out data tracks of an optical storage disk;

a control unit to determine a time for a track skip of the read device via the positioning device from a current track to a selected track as a function of tracks to be skipped in this instance; and

a switch situated in a vicinity of a starting position of a lead-in area of the optical storage disk;

wherein:

the positioning device moves the read device for a determined time in a direction of the selected track; and

in response to a track skip request, the positioning device moves the read device in the direction of the lead-in area until the switch is operated, and the control unit determines from the selected track the time required for the track skip from the starting position to this track.

11. (New) The playback device of claim 10, wherein the control unit multiplies the determined time by an adjustable correction factor to provide a corrected time, and the positioning device moves the read device in a direction of the selected track for the corrected time.

12. (New) The playback device of claim 11, wherein, after the completion of the track skip, the control unit compares position data read out by the read device to known position data for the selected track, and the control unit adjusts the adustable correction factor as a function of a difference between read-out position data and the known position data.--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 6 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE01/00199, and adds without prejudice new claims 7 to 12. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. In the Marked Up Version, underlining indicates added text and bracketing indicates deleted text. Approval and entry of the Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.

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